

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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2014 Legislative Priorities

On Dec. 19, the District's Governing Board adopted a legislative platform for 2014. The platform provides guidance in the District's efforts to inform legislators at the state and federal levels of the air quality challenges faced by the San Joaquin Valley and the need for additional resources and policy tools for continued progress toward cleaner air.



The platform's key provisions are:

Federal

- Seek common-sense improvements to the Federal Clean Air Act by continuing work with the EPA to advance changes in how the Clean Air Act affects the 8-hour Ozone Standard.
- Support the establishment of an Air Quality and Health Empowerment Zone providing financial assistance to regions with significant air quality, health, and economic challenges.
- Support continuation of air quality funding in the Farm Bill designed to accelerate the replacement of agricultural equipment.

State

- Pursue policies to continue Carl Moyer program, focusing on public health, formulas that take air quality challenges into consideration, cost effectiveness and surplus emission

reductions.

- Advocate targeting a portion of Cap and Trade revenues for use in environmental justice communities.
- Oppose greenhouse gas (GHG) measures that increase criteria pollutants or toxic emissions, and support GHG measures that achieve reductions in such emissions.
- Support measures that streamline the California Environmental Quality Act. Reduce unnecessary litigation and minimize red tape.
- Support measures that improve quality of life and economic welfare by providing new state and federal resources to help disadvantaged communities.
- Oppose measures that dilute local control by diverting local revenues to the state or federal government.

State and Federal

- Seek state and federal funding to install and operate additional air quality monitoring stations throughout the San Joaquin Valley.
- Support and seek cost-effective alternatives to agricultural burning.
- Support energy efficiency and alternative energy policies and initiatives that result in emissions reductions.
- Support adequate resources and policies to reduce the public health impact of wildfires.



Tune In & Tune Up events scheduled for 2014

Tune In, Tune Up (TiTu) events are scheduled for each month of 2014.

Through the program, Valley residents are offered free emission tests to determine if their cars and light trucks would pass an official smog test.

The tests taking place at TiTu events do *not* replace an actual smog test. Failing the TiTu emissions test may qualify the resident for up to \$500 to repair their vehicle in preparation for their official smog test.

Below is the schedule of TiTu events for 2014. All events begin at 9am. Participants are encouraged to arrive early.

| Date | City |
|-------------------|-------------|
| January 25, 2014 | Porterville |
| February 8, 2014 | Merced |
| February 22, 2014 | Lemoore |
| March 3, 2014 | Chowchilla |
| March 22, 2014 | Fresno |
| April 5, 2014 | Stockton |
| April 26, 2014 | Turlock |
| May 10, 2014 | Bakersfield |
| May 31, 2014 | Tulare |
| June 14, 2014 | Los Banos |
| June 28, 2014 | Lemoore |
| July 12, 2014 | Chowchilla |
| July 26, 2014 | Stockton |
| August 9, 2014 | Fresno |
| August 23, 2014 | Turlock |
| September 6, 2014 | Bakersfield |
| October 4, 2014 | Merced |
| October 18, 2014 | Lemoore |
| November 1, 2014 | Chowchilla |
| November 15, 2014 | Stockton |
| December 6, 2014 | Fresno |